

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appellant: Dale K. Bell  
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Examiner: Julie Knecht Smith  
Title: AXLE LUBRICANT ISOLATION

**REPLY BRIEF**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Examiner's Answer mailed on June 5, 2007. Appellant is resubmitting the Reply Brief previously filed on June 12, 2006.

**Claims 1 and 11:**

On page 5 of the Examiner's Answer, the Examiner argues that "Applicant has misinterpreted the Final Rejection because the Glaze reference was not used to teach the claimed seal arrangement, but was used to teach the basic structure of a conventional differential assembly." However, the Examiner must look at the teachings of the references as a whole, otherwise the Examiner is merely picking and choosing elements to make the rejection. Here, the Examiner cannot simply ignore the particular structure or problems faced in Glaze, which is being used as the base reference.

**CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE**

I hereby certify that the Reply Brief is being facsimile transmitted to the United States patent and Trademark Office, fax number (571) 273-8300 on August 6, 2007.

  
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